Retention of Daily Wagers in NJPC

4069. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some issue for retention of daily wagers on work charged basis by Nathpa Jhakri Power Project management has been referred to Central Government for their intervention;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith its date of reference to the Central Government;

(c) whether Government propose to issue instructions to NJPC Management to close the old pending issue now;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) :(a) to (e) Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC) had taken over daily waged workers of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) on "as is where is" basis as per agreement drawn on 23-7-1991 between Government of India and Government of Himachal Pradesh. The matter of their regularisation falls within the purview of HPSEB and on being regularised these workers are to be reverted to HPSEB in term of agreement dated 6-1-1992 between NJPC and HPSEB.

Both the Central and State Governments have agreed on 24-1-2000, to the continuance of the above arrangements.

Free Power From Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects to Himachal Pradesh

4070. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some proposal from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh regarding 12 per cent free power from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects is pending clearance with his Ministry for a long time; and

(b) whether such claims is due to ecological and other damages caused to the State with this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Government of Himachal Pradesh, in a memorandum submitted to the Government of India, has claimed a share of 7.19% in power generated from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects under the control of Bhakara Beas Management Board. This claim is based on the transfer of population to Himmachal Pradesh consequent upon coming into force the Punjab Re-organisation Act, 1966 (31 of 1966).

In addition, Government of Himachal Pradesh has also demanded 12% free power from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects on account of distress caused and surrender of rights to generate power.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has filed an Original Suit No. 2 of 1996 under Article 131 of the Constitution of India in June, 1996 in the Supreme Court. The matter is now subjudice.

Share in Hydro-Electric Projects to H.P.

4071. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh requested for share in power generated by the projects *viz.* Mukerian-Anandpur Sahib and Shahpur Kandi Hydro-Electric;

(b) whether the request at (a) above is on the lines that share of power has been provided to Rajasthan and Haryana;

(c) whether Government purpose to consider the pending request early;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (e) To settle the issue of the claims of Haryana and Rajasthan for a share of power generated in the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, Upper Bari Doab Canal (UBDC) Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, an agreement was drawn up on 10-5-1984 amongst Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Central Government for making a reference to the Supreme Court, on the question of entitlement of Haryana and Rajasthan in these projects and in case there being such an entitlement to determine the share of each State. In order to arrive at an